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TAGS: PDIP, DJ, YS, YN
SUBJ: DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT OFFERS MEDIATION YEMENI DISPUTE

1. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED CALLED ME IN AFTERNOON 6 JULY TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT APPARENTLY DETERIORATING SITUATION BETWEEN THE TWO YEMENS. HE REVEALED THAT HE MADE OFFER PROVIDE MEDIATION AND/OR MEETING PLACE FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES BOTH FEUDING STATES TO ENVOYS RECENTLY RECEIVED (REPORTED SEPTEL) FROM YAR AND PDRY. HASSAN GOULED SAID THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND APPARENT NEW PROTECTOR ROLE ASSUMED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN STATEMENT (UNKNOWN TO US) THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT PDRY IN EVENT ARMED CONFLICT WITH NORTH.

2. THE DJIBOUTI CHIEF EXECUTIVE ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS IN YEMEN, MOST PARTICULARLY WHETHER WAR HAS STARTED AND ROLE OF SOVIETS IN THE AFFAIR. HE ASKED WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SAID ABOUT THE YEMENI SITUATION AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT WHITE HOUSE COMMENT. HE IS CURIOUS ABOUT ANY U.S. DEFENSE AGREEMENTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND ANY OTHER STATES ARABIAN PENINSULA.
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3. POST REALIZES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO TIME TO WRITE A CHAPTER FOR HASSAN GOULED. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PLACED ON DISTRIBUTION MESSAGES DEALING WITH YEMENI CON-FRONTATION AND WE WILL EXTRAPOLATE FROM THAT MATERIAL.

4. THE POSSIBILITY THAT DJIBOUTI COULD BE LOCALE FOR YEMENI

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PEACE CONFERENCE, IF ONE IS NEEDED, LOOKS GOOD IN THE ABSTRACT.
IT WAS NOT PRESENT AT CAIRO ARAB LEAGUE MEETING WHICH CONDEMNED
PDRY. HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT THAT MAJOR POWER INTEREST IN YEMENI
AFFAIR WOULD PREVENT SUCH A HOMELY SOLUTION TO THE MATTER.
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